**It Matters to This One**

**As I walked along the seashore**

**This young boy greeted me.**

**He was tossing stranded starfish**

**Back into the deep blue sea.**

**I said, “Tell me why you bother,**

**Why you waste your time this way.**

**There’s a million stranded starfish –**

**Does it matter anyway?”**

**And he said, “It matters to this one.**

**It deserves a chance to grow.**

**It matters to this one.**

**I can’t save them all, I know.**

**But it matters to this one,**

**I’ll return it to the sea.**

**It matters to this one,**

**And it matters to me.”**

**I walked into the classroom.**

**The teacher greeted me.**

**She was helping a child study.**

**He was struggling I could see.**

**I said, “Tell me why you bother,**

**This student is only one of millions,**

**Does it matter anyway?”**

**And she said, “It matters to this one.**

**He deserves a chance to grow.**

**It matters to this one.**

**I can’t save them all, I know.**

**But it matters to this one,**

**I’ll help him be what he can be.**

**It matter to this one,**

**And it matters to me.”**

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